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Lic. Nieves,

I am writing to you in regards to the negative propaganda that was displayed at the main entrance to your offices on December 3rd, 2010 by several special interest groups such as "Comunidad Arroyanos Pro Ambiente (CAPA), Dialogo Ambiental, Misión Industrial and Frente Afirmación del Sureste (FASE)", on the beneficial utilization of our Manufactured Aggregate (commercially know as AGREMAX).

While AES Puerto Rico ("AES-PR") was testifying in our Title V Operating Permit public hearing on the 4th Floor, these groups manifested in front of your offices making false allegations about AES-PR and our Agremax product. According to a news video by Channel 2, the false allegations include the claim that Agremax is radioactive. The video shows two representatives of these groups meeting with you to provide a laboratory analysis that allegedly prove the radioactivity claim. This is just another tactic of these groups to distort the facts and reality. If these claims were correct, EPA and PREQB would have never approved this plant or any of the coal plants that make up 50% of the energy produced in the United States.

According to an EPA publication (EPA-530-K-05-002), "Coal contains naturally occurring radioactive elements. After combustion, these elements and their decay products can remain in Coal Combustion Products (CCPs). EPA has classified CCPs as diffuse, naturally occurring radioactive materials, which is EPA's most benign radioactive classification. Studies have shown that the level of radioactivity in combustion products is about the same as the level found in surface rocks and soil".

In addition, you will find that the results from the radioactive analysis performed by the Universidad Politécnica de Valencia in Spain on our Manufactured Aggregate (also included in the 2007 Puerto Rico House of Representatives Report on page 9) concluded that "they did not observe artificial gamma-emitting radionuclides and the measured concentrations of the natural gamma-emitting radionuclides are within the range for soil samples, according to the reported values by the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation in 2000".

AES Puerto Rico, LP takes its environmental and community responsibilities very seriously. We also have great responsibility in generating clean, reliable, low-cost electricity for the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA). Our business employs hard working people, and our AGREMAX operations generate substantial economic activity and environmental benefits to the southern area of Puerto Rico.

AES Puerto Rico facility is not only the lowest cost provider of electricity in Puerto Rico but it is one of the cleanest coal fired facilities in the world. This plant is a renowned example of Industrial Ecology and an example for other industries and Puerto Rico.

I am available to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss any questions you may have or you can contact me at 787-866-8117 x 2212.